

# HOT LINES

By AL COAST

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Introducing the Torrance Rod & Gun Club. Organized in 1952 by a hand-full of Torrance sportsmen, the club now has 80 members. There are those who hunt and those who fish, and then there are those who enter into all forms of activity. We have dances and parties for almost all the holidays.

We have charter trips for the salt water fishermen; lake or fresh water trips for those that are inclined to get seasick and trap and skeet shooting for the avid gunner. For those who have a few leisure hours in the evening, there are bass fishing derbys at the Long Beach breakwater. We challenge other clubs and win a few and lose a few contests.

From 1952 until 1965 our meetings were held at several locations. In 1965, putting together all our resources and in the elapsed time of three months, we had our own club house on a very select corner. Facilities are available to handle any kind of a party or dinner for groups up to 150 people, especially wedding receptions. Our clubhouse is located in Torrance at 1845 Plaza Del Amo. Corner of Plaza Del Amo and Border.

We have in our club experts in all fields of outdoor activities and they are ready and willing to help or instruct any novice in any way. Many members have boats which they are ready to share with those less fortunate.

Our meetings consist of a regular meeting covering all phases of activity, old and new business, some sort of entertainment (usually an outdoor movie), and refreshments. Also many tall tales are exchanged!

Anyone interested in becoming a member and joining in the good times can get the information from the Torrance Sports Shop — 328-6912, Jim Perrine — 834-8109, or Al Coast — 328-0369. Memberships are open for some 45 new members. The initiation fees are very reasonable and the yearly dues are less. Our methods of maintaining a nice club house will be explained to anyone interested.

This being our first column in several years, we will try to keep you up to date on the fishing and hunting news from local landings, lakes, streams, and hunting areas.

So if anyone is interested in having a good time and a few relaxing hours, contact any member or call the numbers listed above. We will give more information in the next edition.

Rain the past two weeks has washed out most fishing and hunting, but things will be looking up from now on.

## Pacific Coast Little League

Pacific Coast Little League will hold a final sign up session Saturday. League officials will be on hand to provide information concerning Little League baseball from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Guy Lee, president of PCLL, stated that boys 8 to 12 years old are invited to join the league. "Birth certificates shall be presented at time of sign up," he added. Lee can be contacted by calling 325-2596 evenings.

Tryouts will be conducted the following two Saturdays, Feb. 15 and 16 at the league's new ball park located near 235th Street just west of Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance.

Two new ball fields have been constructed to accommodate four divisions of boys 8 to 15 years old. Tryouts will start at 10 a.m. each day.

Lee stated that boys who fail to make sign ups this Saturday can still sign up during tryouts. Boys who live east of Hawthorne Boulevard, south of Sepulveda Boulevard and west of Madrona are eligible. Those who live in Victoria Knolls, Waltheria, and Ellinwood areas are also in the Pacific Coast Little League boundaries.

## North Torrance Pony-Colt

Tryouts for the North Torrance Pony-Colt League will be held at 9 a.m. at the baseball field at 190th and Van Ness on Saturday, for the Pony League and on Feb. 15 for the Colt League.

Boys who have not signed up yet may do so on that day.

Boundaries for the league are 190th Street on the south, Western Avenue on the east, Redondo Beach Boulevard on the north and Hawthorne Boulevard on the west.

A manager is needed for a team on both the Colt and Pony League. Anyone interested may contact Bill Cairns at 371-8646.

## Torrance Babe Ruth League

Torrance Babe Ruth League registration will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Babe Ruth playing field on Plaza Del Amo Boulevard, according to Jim O'Toole, president.

Boys 13, 14, and 15 can also sign up on Feb. 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the field. Bryan Hawley, players agent, may be contacted for league information at 534-0704.

Boys are asked to provide a birth certificate and a \$10 registration fee at registration.

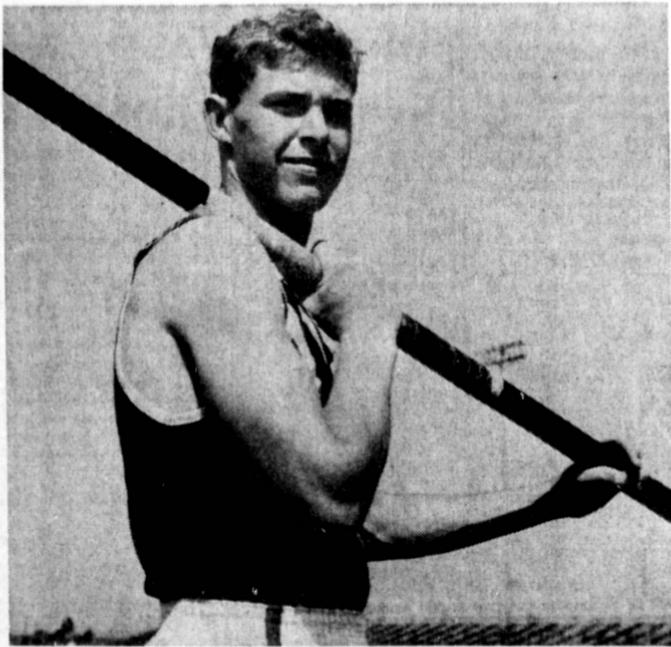
Tryouts will be Feb. 16, 22, and 23.

## Southwood Little League

Signups for Southwood Little League will be held 4820 Spencer St., in the cafeteria. Other signups are Saturday and Sunday.

Boys 8 to 12 are eligible to play and new registrants are required to bring a birth certificate. Also, a \$10 donation to the league is requested.

Further information may be obtained by calling Virgil Caul at 371-9900. The league will be playing at a new field this year.



SPRING IS COMING . . . February is the start of practice for spring sports on the high school scene. One of the prize athletes taking part in track and field is Steve Smith, a senior at South High who had one of the two best pole vault marks of 15'5 1/2" last year. Besides track and field, the new month signified the start of baseball on the prep front.

## NBA Plans \$400,000 Playoffs

When the National Basketball Association's annual playoffs commence the week of March 23, there will be a record player pool of \$400,000. NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy announced it is \$8,000 more than last year's playoff pool and \$250,000 more than the pool of five years ago.

Kennedy pointed out it is possible for each player on the team winning the playoffs to receive \$10,000 per man. This could result if the divisional first place winner, with the best seasonal percentage, should emerge as the champion.

The \$400,000 playoff pool will be divided as follows:

- The team having the highest percentage standing at the close of the schedule season shall receive \$5,000. If the first place teams in their respective divisions are tied in percentage points, each is to receive \$5,000.
- Each team which finishes first in each division at the close of the schedule season shall receive \$30,000.
- Each team which finishes second shall receive \$10,000.
- Each team which finishes third shall receive \$5,000.
- The teams participating in the divisional semi-finals shall receive \$20,000.
- In the divisional championship series, the winners shall receive \$25,000 and the losers \$17,500.
- In the association championship series, the winner will receive \$48,000 and the loser \$32,000.

## Astrojet Tourney To Be Held

Bullet Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals, most valuable player and Cy Young Award winner of the National League, will enter the third annual \$30,000 Astrojet Golf Classic, Feb. 14-16, at La Costa Hotel and Country Club.

Jack Mullins, general tournament chairman, said Gibson would join his counterpart in the American League, pitcher Denny McLain of the Detroit Tigers, in the 54-hole tourney.

The Astrojet Classic has a unique format in which one baseball star is teamed with a football counterpart.

Competition is partner best ball on a net basis, using full combined handicaps of the partners.

Defending and the only champions are Bill Mazerowski, Pittsburgh Pirates' second baseman, and Paul Krause, Minnesota Vikings safety.

Mazerowski and Krause split \$20,000 in two years. First prize again is \$10,000. Second is \$5,000 and third, \$4,000.

Other outstanding athletes who'll compete include Broadway Joe Namath, Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio and Jackie Robinson, Otto Graham, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, John Ukers, Frank Tarkenton, Tucker Fredrickson, Yogi Berra, Ron Santo, Jim Lonborg, Jim Maloney, Tommy Davis, Rusty Staub, Joe Horlen, Jerry Koosman, Tom Seaver, Joe Torre, Daryl Lamonica, Dare McNally and George Andrie.

## COMPTON TARBABES WIN 51 STRAIGHT

Compton's Tarbabs, making shambles of the Coast League basketball race, need only three more victories to set a new record. They have won 51 straight games.

Coach Bill Armstrong's Varsity remained in undisputed first place on the weekly prep poll. Garden Grove put a bit more space between first and second place on the "AAA" ledger.

On the "AAAA" poll, Covina faded from the "Top Ten" after a 71-68 loss to Edgewood last Friday night. Troy's Warriors, leading the Freeway League title race, took over the No. 10 spot.

Garden Grove's Argonauts all but clinched the Garden Grove League title.

Two teams, Magnolia and Colton, dropped from the "AAA" poll this week after upsets during last week's action. Filling the voids were North High of Riverside (14-6), which defeated Colton to claim its ninth-place position, and Corona del Mar (14-7), which topped Magnolia to take the No. 10 spot in the poll.

Action continues on all fronts as teams began to eye the start of CIF, SS, play-off action. Changing to a four-division format this season, the annual post-season play-offs will begin for "A" and "AA" schools on Tuesday, Feb. 25, while "AAA" and "AAAA" schools will wait until Friday, Feb. 28, to begin play.

All four divisions will wind up action on Saturday, March 14, when championships will be decided in day-long action at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena.

## Dodgers Stingy With Home Runs

Dodger pitchers thoroughly contained the National League's top power hitters by allowing only 65 home runs in 1968.

Most notable improvement was by Don Drysdale, who gave up only 11 home runs, three at Dodger Stadium. He averaged 21.6 in 12 previous National League seasons.

Only six pitchers in the league who worked 35 innings or more escaped without allowing a home run. The Dodgers had two of them, Hank Aguirre and Jack Billingham.

Drysdale's yield of 11 was his lowest since 1956 when he allowed nine in 99 innings as a rookie.

Don Sutton compiled the longest homerless streak on the staff, still intact at 91 innings. He has not allowed a home run since Donn Clendenon of the Pirates connected at Dodger Stadium, Aug. 7.

The league's five top home run hitters produced 160, but only 13 were against Dodger pitching, five at Dodger Stadium.

## Hermosa Race Held

Bill Anderson of Santa Barbara won the 16th annual Hermosa Beach Distance Run in the time of 28 minutes and 29.3 seconds.

In the high school 5-mile run Jim Chaffin of Long Beach Poly won in the time of 28:11. Second was Jim French of South High (28:12) and sixth was Mike Baer of South.

French, a sophomore, was recognized recently in Track and Field News for running the 10,000 meter run in 32:50 and the 6-mile run in 31:45 last year.

## Spartan Youth Accorded Honors

William C. Matthews, a senior at South High, is listed in the Honors Group of the 28th annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science scholarships and awards for 1969.

Matthew, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews of 5102 Mindora Drive, submitted a project report titled "Growth of Yeast Cells on Crude Oil Fractions: A Possible Source of Protein."

# Second Half Looks Easy for Saxons

Hustling North High goes against Redondo today with the idea of wrapping up the Bay League basketball championship. Coach Russ Bierley's Saxons have an 8-0 record following a convincing 80-55 win over West High in Saturday's KNBC "game of the week."

Both Redondo and Hawthorne were knocked down another notch in the standings last Friday to give North a comfortable 3-game advantage. The Saxons are 19-2 for the year.

Redondo lost a 48-46 game to Mira Cost and Hawthorne was beaten by South, 68-66.

South (5-3) and Redondo (5-3) are now battling Hawthorne (4-4) for the runner up spot in the league and a berth in the CIF playoffs.

Although they lack height, the league leading Saxons put on a confident basketball dis-

play to ruin West's home court performance on TV.

From the standpoint of watching the game in the luxury of the living room, reporters Russ Porter and Sandy Koufax gave a thoroughly qualified account of procedures.

The tempo of the game was familiar. Dan Anderson lived up to his reputation as an outstanding shooter, playmaker, rebounder, and ball-handler. He made 21 points.

Harlan Peet, improving as the season progresses, had one of his better afternoons to score 22 points. Jim Thomas hit for 17.

Tom Sandovich, engineering a series of driving plays, scored 19 points for West.

North was particularly effective with its full court press. It stymied the Warriors in the first part of the game and slowed

Sophomore Bill Kolodziejczak's scoring to 12 for the game. West has a 3-5 record.

The team with the most discouraging record in the Bay League is Hawthorne. The Cougars sputtered to a 4-1 record after beating Redondo in six overtimes, but they have now dropped three straight and are in fourth place.

South beat the Cougars in the second half. Brent Barron's defensive play and control of the backboards led to the victory by South. The scoring was evenly divided among the Spartan regulars.

Paul Crowell and Tom Engel both had 20 points for the losers. Mira Costa reversed the first round game to hand Redondo a 48-46 loss. Johnny Sain was the hero on offense and defense.

Santa Monica won its first game of the season with a 61-47 decision against Inglewood.



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## Elg Baylor Is Second In Scoring

Although Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles jumped from sixth position to the runner-up spot in the NBA individual scoring race, Elvin Hayes of San Diego retained his lead of 300 points this past week. Hayes has 1,645 points and a 29.9 per game average is well ahead of Baylor who has 1,343 markers and a 26.3 average.

Wilt Chamberlain of Los Angeles continues as leader in the shooting percentage race with a .574. He is trailed by Jerry Lucas of Cincinnati at .563, Wilt Reed of New York at .523 and Terry Dischinger of Detroit who is batting .519.

Chamberlain retains his rebounding lead with 1,145 retrieves and a 20.8 per game average as compared to Boston's Bill Russell's 1,049 rebounds and a 20-2 average.

Boston's Larry Siegfried with 239 out of 274 foul attempts is number one man in the race with .872. Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati with 452 out of 531 tries for a .851 is second.

Big O has 482 assists to his credit with Len Wilkens of Seattle next with 466 feeds. Robertson has a 9.5 average while Wilkens' average is 8.2. Guy Rodgers of Milwaukee is third with 441 assists and a 7.9 average.



CHUCK FERNANDES

## Trio Tied For First In Metro

One of the closest Metropolitan Conference basketball races has Cerritos, Long Beach, and Pasadena City College all tied for the lead starting the second round of play.

Two of the leaders — Long Beach and Pasadena — clash on Friday night in the featured game of the 12 Metro matches scheduled.

The round started yesterday with Long Beach at Valley, Pierce at El Camino. Bakersfield at Pasadena, Santa Monica at Cerritos. Friday's games are Pasadena at Long Beach, El Camino at Valley, Pierce at Santa Monica, Cerritos at Bakersfield. Games Saturday are Valley at Pierce, Bakersfield at Long Beach, El Camino at Cerritos, Santa Monica at Pasadena.

In last week's action, defending conference champ Cerritos threw the conference into a three-way tie by nipping Pasadena, 52-50. The results: Friday — Long Beach over Santa Monica, 72-70; Pasadena over El Camino, 100-73; Cerritos over Pierce, 76-65; Bakersfield over Valley, 80-75. Saturday — Cerritos over Pasadena, 52-50; Long Beach over Pierce, 65-57; Santa Monica over Valley, 91-87; Bakersfield over El Camino, 61-57.

Pasadena is facing a rugged assignment against the Long Beach Vikings. Over a span of three years, Long Beach has won 44 games in a row at home.

Top one game effort last week was turned in by Pasadena's George Trapp who scored 28 points against El Camino. For the week, high man was Valley's Morris Thomas. His twin 27-point outputs against Bakersfield and SMCC spiraled his conference leading total to 198. Second is Valley's Al Shumate with a total of 172.

Bakersfield scored in the final 29 seconds to hand El Camino College its seventh straight loss last Saturday.

Chuck Fernandez, suffering from a pulled thigh muscle, scored 14 points to lead Camino's scoring.

## Torrance Is Second In Sky League

Torrance went through the first round of the Sky League basketball race with a 4-1 record.

But out in front of the Tartars is traditional Morningside, the only team to beat them this year.

Torrance and Morningside start the second half of the season Friday night at Inglewood. Torrance got ready for the big game with a sound 72-65 victory

over Rolling Hills yesterday in the losers' gym. The margin was 20 points at halftime.

Bruce Baker scored 24 points. He had 11 field goals and two free throws.

Torrance also won a 76-63 game from Leuzinger last Friday night.

Bishop Montgomery suffered its sixth loss of the Camino Real League campaign Friday with a 70-42 loss to Fermin Lasuen.

Greg Collins of the Knights

was held to 15 points in the defeat.

Leading the Camino Real League are Fermin Lasuen and Serra with 7-1 records.

Montgomery's next outing is Friday night at Serra. Mt. Carmel invades Lasuen.

Torrance — 14 27 16 15-22  
Rolling Hills — 7 14 18 20-46  
Torrance scoring: Souza (15), Jasper (8), Baker (24), Fox (4), Fernley (8), Mullen (9), Sears (4).  
Rolling Hills scoring: Appel (4), Boyer (19), Sullivan (11), Ross (16), Arenstein (7), Vodak (4), Dean (4).

## Major Leaguers Plan Boycott of Training

Major league baseball moved closer to the first strike in its 100-year history Monday when the Players Association agreed to boycott spring training sites until their dispute with the owners over their pension fund is settled.

The action — the most militant stand taken during the four-month-old dispute — comes 10 days before the Chicago White Sox are scheduled to become the first team to open their training camp, and less than a month before the traditional March opening date.

At the end of a four-hour

meeting attended by approximately 125 players, including stars such as Bob Gibson, Jim Bunning, Maury Wills, Brooks Robinson, Ernie Banks, Mickey Lolich, Joe Torre and Rusty Staub, the players issued a statement that said:

"Resolved that the players fully support the actions and policies of their negotiating committee in the current benefit plan negotiations and reiterate their support of the policy that players should not sign individual salary contracts and should not report to spring training

until the negotiations are satisfactorily concluded."

Although the players have been urged before not to sign, this was the first time they had been told not to report to spring training until the impasse was resolved.

Asked how many players had not signed their contracts, Marvin Miller, executive director of the association, replied:

"There are very, very few established players who have signed. A conservative estimate would be that 90 per cent have not signed, and the figure probably would be higher."

## Lombardi Moves to Washington

Vince Lombardi announced he has accepted the post of executive vice president, coach and general manager of the Washington Redskins. He said he would have some stock ownership in the club.

"Everyone wants to own something," Lombardi told newsmen as he emerged from a meeting with the Green Bay executive board. "The challenge is not in maintaining but in creating."

The Packer general manager huddled with the executive board to obtain release from his Green Bay contract in order to move to the Washington team of the National Football League.